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At the Canton Dispensary, Canton, on the 11th instant, the wife of EDGAR WOOLLEY, of a son.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 1892.

TELEGRAMS.

HARTINGTON'S SUCCESSOR.

LONDON, December 30th.

There is a general consensus of opinion that the Right Hon. J. Chamberlain, M.P., will succeed the Marquis of Hartington in the leadership of the Liberal Unionists in the House of Commons.

THE FREE COINAGE SILVER BILL.

December 30th.

The Times correspondent at Washington states that the free coinage of silver bill will probably pass the House of Representatives during the present session, but not the Senate.

THE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE CONGRESS.

December 31st.

The second Congress of the Chambers of Commerce of the Empire will meet in London in June next to consider the relations between Great Britain and the Colonies, the penny postage, and the direct cabling throughout the Empire.

THE AMBASSADOR TO RUSSIA.

Lord Villian, C.B., succeeds Sir Robert Meade as British Ambassador at St. Petersburg.

PEACEFUL ASSURANCES.

January 2nd.

The King of Italy and the President of the French Republic at the New Year receptions at their respective capitals, both emphasised the assurance of a general desire for peace.

SUSPICIOUS.

January 12th.

An inquiry into the Khedive's death has taken place. The native doctors are charged with making a wrong diagnosis.

ALBERT VICTOR.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales is progressing favourably.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Canadian Pacific liner *Empress of Japan* left Yokohama to-day for Vancouver.

OUR usual San Francisco exchanges by the American mail came to hand as we were going to press.

MONSIEUR Pavie the well known explorer, has been appointed Consul-General for France at Bangkok.

THE *Avon* (Capt. T. Rowin) arrived here to-day from Hongkong with a full cargo of coal from the Charbonnages company's mines.

THE cricket match between Singapore and Selangor, which was concluded on the 29th ult., was won by Selangor, after a most exciting finish, by one run.

IN his weather report to-day Dr. Dobereck says "the barometer has fallen considerably." Are we going to have many more atmospheric disturbances this season?

MR. J. Kennedy, accountant of the chartered Mercantile Bank at Singapore, left that port colony on the 26th ultimo for Shanghai where he will be Acting Manager.

PHYA Non, Minister Plenipotentiary and Extraordinary for Siam at London, Paris, and Berlin, has now been accredited to the Courts of Vienna, Copenhagen, and Stockholm.

A REGULAR meeting of the "Ararat" Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

THE *Batavia* *Nieuwsblad* of the 23rd December states that owing to the rain keeping away, the present standing rice crop in Java will be two months late. A scarcity of that grain prevails there.

MR. W. DUNMAN, the manager of the Jelebu Company, arrived at Singapore on the 30th ult. to confer with the directors on various matters of considerable importance. The recent troubles in Pahang have happily not extended to Jelebu.

A TELEGRAM from Nagoya on the 4th states that a severe earthquake had been experienced there. In Nagoya three houses were thrown down, and portions of the roofs and walls of many others gave way. In half a dozen places water and mud were ejected from the ground.

CAPTAIN Reginald F. Henderson, who has just completed his term of command of the *Ruby*, and who greatly distinguished himself whilst in command of the ironclad train during the Egyptian war, has been appointed to the command of the *Severn* on the China Station.

THE rifle practice at Kowloon this afternoon was exceedingly good, an average of 87.5 being made. The highest individual score was made by Inspector Mann, 95, which is a very rare figure to reach. If to-morrow's International shooting is anything like as good, Singapore will be badly left.

DOCTOR—Your husband's case is a serious one, Mrs. Moriarty. I'm afraid there is some foreign substance in his oesophagus. Mrs. Moriarty—Furrin, is it? Belad, an' Ginn, an' O'warnin him against allin' him Dutch sausages that he's so fond of.

THE *Dell* *Courant* of the 23rd December notes the fact that Chinese and other coolies are leaving that Settlement in great numbers by every departing steamer. Each boat leaving for Penang takes away about 50 or 60 Chinese coolies. In *Dell*, many discharged coolies are tramping about, leading vagabond lives.

ALBERT ROBINSON, a stoker on board H.M.S. *Leander*, aged 27, died at the Government Hospital, Nagasaki, on the 20th ult. from the effects of an accident on board, on the previous Sunday, and was buried the same day. Two of the crew of the *Leander* were left behind in Nagasaki suffering from typhoid fever.

THREE letters on the wreck of the *Namchow* and the efforts of the *Meifoo* to save life are held over. We cannot publish a letter reflecting on the conduct of responsible officers of a vessel prior to the facts of the case being elicited at the inquiry which, we understand, will be held here at an early date, into all the circumstances connected with the loss of the *Namchow* and the death by drowning of over four hundred passengers and members of the crew, including 7 Europeans.

ANOTHER precious Adelaide "saint," remarks the *Sydney Bulletin*, has gone on the broad path accompanied by a large amount of loose cash. He worked the impressionable Adelaide people in the usual way. He came from—well, abroad; and from what has been said, he came in a hurry. He soon found out the best way to make a living in Adelaide—made a business for one of the churches, where he speedily became an official. At holy meetings and sacred lectures he was all there, and at playing he was a splendid grifter, fervency being his speciality. He was the best hand ever known in the sacred city at an impromptu prayer, barring Crooks, the felonious bank manager, and the gaoler Walker, ex-Adelaide Young Men's Christian Association secretary. And now he is missing, like the others were, and his till is empty, and all is desolation.

A LARGE number of our old ships, (remarks the *New York Maritime Register*)—which their owners found unprofitable property, were bought by Norwegians and Germans and run apparently as good investments. Many old English vessels have found the same market, and some English shipowners recommend that all their old and obsolete (if vessels be disposed of in the same way. Both Americans and now they are glad to get rid of them vessels, but they are beginning to wonder how it is that the more thrifty "foreigners" can make money with them. Like the proverbial blind man, they will not see. The vessels have changed owners, but not markets. To use slang, they are still in it. They do not dominate the freight market it is true, but they make active competition of a kind that is not wanted. The old ship is not gone, until it is broken up; in the hands of foreigners it is an "irregular" in the market.

They have lately reduced the price of gas in Singapore. Can't our local gas company see its way to move with the spirit of the times? A judicious concession to popular opinion very often obviates approaching difficulties.

MR. A. H. Bagwell, of Selangor, lately on the Selangor Railway extension and well known as a member of the Straits cricket eleven, has proceeded to Bangkok from Singapore in connection with the execution of the Korat Railway contract.

MR. BLISSING, after his third proposal and rejection, is there nothing I can do, Miss Thimpling, to induce you to say "Yes?" Miss T.—Yes, there is. Mr. B.—Oh, tell me what it is! Miss T.—Ask me (I will continue to say "No.")

THERE have been eight national families in Russia during the present century. In 1801, 1808, 1811, 1812, 1833, 1842, 1860 and 1891. In addition to these, there have been several provincial families, which are as severe, if not as extensive, as those which affect the whole population.

ON convict hulk Success. Showman (pointing to some fireman): "Those gents, too, are 100 years old." By-stander: But they have percussion-lockers." Showman: "I can't help that, they belonged to the ship when she was fitted out in 1790." By-stander (snapping lock with finger): "But they're branded 'Tower, 1835.' Exit showman."

THE Douglas Co.'s steamer *Formosa* arrived this morning and the *Daily Press* discovered the fact in the course of the morning. This morning promptly to do the intellectual work that he gravely proceeded to say, in an "Extra" this afternoon, "two of the survivors of the *Namchow* arrived here yesterday morning by the *Formosa*." Are you there, Capt. Hall?

Tommy—Mr. Wilkinson, ain't you shaped just like other men? Mr. Wilkinson—I suppose so, Tommy. Why? Tommy—Papa says you ain't exactly square and Bells says you seem to be always round. Mr. Wilkinson immediately recollected that he was an important engagement in the upper regions of the city.

TWO countenances, observing the female figures with pluckers in their hands which support the porticoes of St. Panera church, wondered who they represented. They must be the *Polish virgins*, said one. They can't be neither, replied the other, (there's only four of 'em.) "Oh, it's all right," replied the friend, "the other is gone for the day, you may depend on it."

IN connection with the deplorable loss of the steamship *Namchow*, our readers will remember that it is only a few months since Capt. Colonna, the then master of that hapless vessel, was tried and convicted at Singapore, and sentenced to six months imprisonment for failing to give correct record of the number of deaths on board the steamer during a voyage from China to Singapore. There is food for reflection here.

SIX blaspheming Celestial demurels and fourteen lady "friends" were haled up before Mr. Wise at the Police Court this morning by Inspector Stanton, who dashed into their parlour in a house "in Gough Street at 1 o'clock this morning and caught them discussing the merits of *fasten* and *pak-hap-plan*. They said they "wouldn't do it again" and backed up their assurance with a contribution of \$10 each to a *Ker-Kong* Treasury.

A KING got lost the other day in Paris. Young Alexander of Servia—aged 19 or so—went mysteriously missing from the opera, where he had gone with his father, ex-monarch Milan. Milan had just stepped out to drink with another king or two, and when he came back his son was a vanished potentate. Then the king was a feature row, being taken for granted that Alexander had been abducted, and the detectives were put on the track. As it happened, however, they had seen a good many kings, and knew pretty well where they went to when they got lost. They simply bolted round among the immoral cafes, and at the most immoral one of the lot they found the stray Anointed rather drunk and violently embracing a barmaid.

STANLEY, the man "who found Livingstone" has lately been exhibiting in Australia. The irrepressible *Bulletin* "on the job." "It is reported on bad authority that Stanley is going to lecture somewhere on the dead negroes who marked the track of his last expedition, the floggings and hangings, the females—if any—who were abducted, the alleged cannibalism of the rear-guard, and the howls and bloodshed of the British major who was left behind with the baggage and went saving mad in the swamp. The lecture will be illustrated with views of the darkey who got hundred lashes, and an African connected with the expedition will come on as the chronicler of the lecture and state his unbiassed opinion of Stanley in native dialect. A large audience is expected."

A GOOD deal, says a writer in *News of the World*, may be excused Sir William Harcourt in the delicate circumstances in which he is placed. The Leadership of the Party is within his grasp, yet he is tantalised by ill health that keeps him from grasping it on the very plumb-line. He is not exactly ill, but he is in a way from to plentiful indulgence in the pleasures of the table without adequate exercise. Some years ago Sir William tried total abstinence but it did him no good, and he has gone back to wine. Earl Granville once made a similar experiment as a remedy for gout. He found that he was worse without wine than with it, and therefore went back to it and became happy, if not quite well. Sir William Harcourt has not exceeded propriety. He has, however, habitually taken more dinner than the mass of mortals, and his assistants are satisfied. If he could find time to walk five or six miles a day, or to chop down a few trees, and would limit his dinner to a steak and a pint of ale, he would soon forget he had a liver.

At the Magistracy this afternoon Mr. Wise held an inquiry into a fire which occurred at 144, 146, and 148 Queen's Road, West, yesterday. The three houses were all occupied by a Chinese firm (and, heavily insured). The Northern Insurance Co. (Hagart & Co.) had possession of the Chingmen's books, but had not yet had time to investigate them thoroughly. The managing partner of the Chinese firm stated that the capital of the concern was \$45,000, in nine shares, of which he held one. Last year the profits were over \$8,000; previous year, \$2,000 and before that very little. The profits had not been divided, but were to be divided in business. The total amount of the insurance policies was \$47,000, though the witness was certain that company he was insured with. The total amount of property destroyed was probably about \$15,000. The stock varied from day to day. There was about \$14,000 owing by the firm to native banks; in various loans. Between \$17,000 and \$18,000 was due to the firm on outstanding accounts. A police constable stated that while he was clearing away some mats in house No. 146, second floor, he discovered two cases of opium. The constable was not allowed to take the cases, though the most important, the stock book, could not be found.

THE *Sydney Bulletin* man says that if that champion blow-hard John L. Sullivan is over to be tackled, Samuels, the black sprinter, and not Slavin, the knocker-out, is the man for the job. Rather rough that on the big fellow from Boston.

THE British yacht *Arish*, owned by Mr. White, Commissioner of Customs at Pakhoi, which was despatched hence to that port about six weeks ago in charge of a Chinese crew, has evidently come to grief. She was caught in the fall of a typhoon and put into St. John's for shelter, with her topmast gone and badly strained. She left St. John's about a month ago and has not since been heard of. This makes the second "missing" within the past month. Truly, misfortunes never come singly—it never rains but it pours, in the Far East at all events.

A NEW danger in Torres Straits has been reported by Mr. Frank Jardine, who says that he crossed an unknown reef of small extent, with apparently not more than 6 feet over it at low-water springs, whilst sailing up to Thursday Island in a lugger. When upon it, his estimated position was about 5 miles west by north from Quoin Point, Goodie Island. Very shortly after passing over it, whilst steering southerly, the Government Residency on Thursday Island opened clear of Quoin Point. Vessels are therefore cautioned by the Harbour Master to keep the Residency well open to the southward of Quoin Point when approaching from or leaving the westward, and to exercise great care whilst in the locality.

KARMA.

The warp and the woof
From the loom of the past
Are woven for ever and aye;
A wonderful garment,
For praise and re-proof,
In the web are caught fast,
'Tis the Karma of eons gone by.

A tissue of price,
'Tis the robe of estate
Recording the struggles of years;
Their joys and their sorrows,
Each virtue and vice,
Each love and each hate
And each harvest of joy and of tears.

The robe of the soul,
It e'er grows through the years—
The shuttle e'er glides o'er its loom;
The lessons of Karma,
Kill self—gain control,
Free your future from fears,
Think not of the shell and the tomb.

CHAS. A. FOSTER.

Shanghai, December 25th, 1891.

PAYMENT of members of Parliament will probably shortly become universal. At present in Germany members of both Houses receive about \$250 per day. In Austria the pay is \$5 a day. In Greece the Senators get \$100 per month and the deputies \$70. In France members of each House receive the same—\$5 per day. In Denmark the members of the Landsting each receive about \$375 a day. In Belgium each member of the Chamber of Representatives gets \$85 a month. In Portugal the peers and commoners are paid the same sum, which is about \$335 a year. In Spain the members of the Cortes are not paid for their services, but enjoy many advantages. In Switzerland the members in the National Council get \$250 per day, and the Council of State, the lower house, \$150. In Italy the Senators and deputies are not paid at all, but they are allowed travelling expensae and certain other privileges. England is the only country where members of Parliament are not only unpaid, but have no special rights or privileges whatever. In most of the Australian colonies members of the Legislative Assembly are paid \$300 per annum, and before long this will be the salary paid to British unofficial legislators.

TO-DAY'S SHIPPING RETURNS.

Inward.

P. C. C. Klap, steamer, from Sourabaya.
Strathaven, " " Singapore.
Prometheus, " " Singapore.
G. Wender, " " Yokohama.
Chow-chow-foo, " " Manila.
Triumph, " " Amoy etc.
Canton, " " Canton.
Tatung, " " Hongkong.
Vochka, " " Hongkong.
Romeo, " " Amoy.
Sikh, " " Amoy.

Aggregating 13,713 tons, register.

Outward.

Alvin, steamer, for Holbow.
Yangtching, " " Shanghai.
Strathaven, " " Shanghai.
Ningbo, " " Shanghai.
Holbow, " " Swatow.
Triumph, " " Holbow.
Prometheus, " " Amoy.
A. Ahear, " " Singapore.
Sakoto, ship, " Manila.
G. H. Wappaus, bark, " Yoochow.

Aggregating 19,786 tons, register.

THE "TORRINGTON" SAFE.

We are glad to learn that good news has been received regarding the steamship *Torrington*, about whose fate considerable anxiety has been expressed for some days past. Messrs. Dodwell, Cairill & Co., the local agents of the vessel, inform us that they received a telegram from Torrance last evening, stating that the *Torrington* had just put in there, owing to stress of weather and with some of her machinery disabled, and would leave for this port on the 6th instant. All being well, she should reach here about the 19th.

THE WRECK OF THE "NAMCHOW."

A SURVIVOR'S STATEMENT.

The following facts relative to the foundering of the British steamer *Namchow* while on a voyage from Hongkong to Amoy have been gathered in the course of an interview with one of the ill-fated vessel's quarter-masters, who came down from Swatow by the Douglas Co's steamer *Formosa* (Capt. T. Hall) this morning. He said:—I was quarter-master on board the *Namchow*. From the time we left Hongkong all went well, considering the sea that was running, until we got about 20 miles to the southward of Cupul Point. Then the ship began to make water in the engine room—bubbles have makes pollution, and blew out a plate in the vessel's bottom. I am not positive, but that was, I believe, the immediate cause of the disaster. A good many more of her 400 passengers might have been saved had they run a little more risk by jumping overboard and swimming to fishing junks, of which there were a large number in the vicinity. The junks would not come alongside, fearing that they would be sucked down when the *Namchow* foundered; otherwise nearly every soul on board might have been saved. I am one of 54 Chinese saved. Some of the survivors are passengers, others are members of the crew. We all walked overland to Swatow after being landed by the junks. The Chinese passengers and crew got the ships' boats into the water, and

got into them, but they all capsized with one exception, and that was a boat containing thirty persons, which reached the shore all right. Of course, we have lost everything. There was no time to save anything. It was a rush for life.

Later.

Two of the *Namchow's* cabin servants have also arrived here and report that a piston-rod broke during the first night at sea, which disabled the engines and necessitated the setting of all sail with a view to making the coast, which they eventually did, under sail, in the vicinity of Cupul Point. The huge sea broke over the ship and poured down into the stove-holds. Then the anchor was let go, and the ship foundered at her anchorage. Chinese fishing junks came to their aid and saved over forty persons altogether.

H.M.S. *Porpoise* will be down here to-morrow morning with the *Namchow's* *Chinchee* (super-cargo) and four leading members of the Chinese crew of both the *Namchow* and the chartered steamer *Chinchee*, now lying at Amoy.

From Swatow we learn that the Chinese survivors state that the shaft of the steamer broke owing to violent racing, and that the vessel had to be anchored immediately. In this position the ship suffered several seas, and also sprang a leak. It is highly probable that as soon as the vessel appeared to be doomed, the crowd of Chinese passengers were seized with panic and became uncontrollable. That is the only way to account for the utter failure of all ordinary means of saving life. Usually the boats would be lowered and every officer and man belonging to the ship would have his position assigned him. The survivors, however, say that only one boat was lowered, and that by Chinese. A junk came alongside to take people off, but was smashed and overturned. The other junks would not come near, and rather than swim off the ill-fated passengers remained on the steamer and went down with her.

In view of these facts, the *Meifoo's* story is very strange. One can hardly believe that a quarter of an hour after the *Namchow* turned over and sank, there was not a vestige of her to be seen, not even one out of the four or five hundred human beings struggling in the water, nor any junker boat in sight. The log of the *Meifoo* shows that at 8.10 the vessel was seen going down, and at 8.20 the *Meifoo* was again on her course, having gone (presumably at full speed, as no slowing or stopping is recorded) "within a mile" of the sinking ship. And then the captain, with a mild expression of "surprise" at the business, proceeded to Hongkong without another thought for the shipwreck of drowning people behind him. We shall await the Marine Court of Inquiry with considerable interest.

ALLEGED VIOLATION OF TREATY STIPULATIONS.

The following is a copy of a letter from the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce to Lord Salisbury, calling his attention to the action of the Hoppo of Canton in granting to shippers by Native Craft a more favourable scale of duties than that applied to shippers on foreign bottoms. It also refers to the apathy of the British Minister at Peking.

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.
Hongkong, 1st December, 1891.

My Lord Marquis.—The Committee of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce beg, most respectfully, to bring to your Lordship's notice the following facts:

On the 10th September last the Committee were notified by the leading shipping interests of this Colony that their trade was being most seriously interfered with owing to the action of a subordinate officer of the Chinese Government at Canton called the Hoppo, who was levying duties on cargo carried by Chinese junks at a less rate than that charged on similar cargo shipped by vessels of other nationalities. The effect being to drive the trade into Chinese bottoms.

Below the scale of duties introduced was below that sanctioned by treaty, and would have been warmly appreciated by the trade, had its application been uniformly conceded to all flags. After full consideration the Committee of this Chamber came to the conclusion that the action of the Chinese official was contrary to treaty; and, being so, called for immediate adjustment. It was decided to address a telegram to Her Britannic Majesty's Minister at Peking, Sir John Walsham, pointing out the irregularities that existed and asking for redress.

This message was sent on the 19th, and was followed on the 23rd September by a despatch from the Chamber embodying full particulars of the grievances complained of. A copy of that letter I beg to enclose for your Lordship's perusal, and to it I would call particular attention, as therein will be found, detailed at length, the complete grievance of the shipping interests of the Colony in connection with this case.

To neither the telegram nor the despatch have the Chamber received the slightest acknowledgement from Her Britannic Majesty's Minister, after a lapse of over two months. Meanwhile the preferential levy of duties to the detriment of British shipping, has gone on unabated.

This Chamber conceives it is within their province to bring to the notice of Her Britannic Majesty's Minister any irregularities by which the Treaty between China and Great Britain is being infringed, and also that it falls within the scope of Her Majesty's representative's powers to insist upon redress being given to complainants when placed before him.

The Committee of this Chamber may be wrong in this assumption, which has been pointed out to them, for such as by themselves looking to the manner in which Her Britannic Majesty's Minister has almost studiously disregarded this Chamber's communications. It may be usefully mentioned that this is not the only instance of similar inaction on the part of Her Britannic Majesty's Minister of which this Chamber have had to complain. A reference to the illegal lining of a steamer in the port of Amoy, alluded to in the Chamber's letter of 21st March last, showed that case to have remained nearly five years unredressed by Her Majesty's representative, and apparently unattended to. Should the Chamber's views be wrong, and Her Britannic Majesty's Minister's duties do not empower him to receive, answer and redress the complaints of British merchants with the object of compelling treaty observance, then this Chamber will be glad to be informed to whom they are to apply in similar cases.

The gravity of the issues involved in the present complaint will be apparent to your Lordship, for if this Chamber's contention be correct, and the treaties have not been violated, it would appear that any special officer of the Imperial Government of China can, at will, ignore the treaties; and by granting preferential tariffs or other privileges to their own national drive British trade from Chinese waters. If, on the other hand, the Chamber's contention be correct, and a breach of treaties has been committed, no time should be lost in at once demanding a return to treaty provisions and compensation for the injuries sustained.

I have the honour to be, My Lord,
Your Lordship's most obedient servant,
(Signed) E. MACKINTOSH,
Chairman.

To the Marquis of Salisbury, K.G., Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, No. 10, White, Foreign Office.

FORMOSAN AFFAIRS.

We are indebted to "one who knows" for the following particulars of the railway muddle in Formosa, which goes far to show that the new Governor of Formosa has made up his mind to make a clean sweep of the foreigners who have successfully plundered the railway enterprise in his province.

Our correspondent, writing under date Tamsui, 8th January, says:—

I see in your paper of December 28th a paragraph about Mr. H. C. Matheson, Consulting Manager of Formosan Railways. It is quite true. The Governor has offered, by telegram, to pay Mr. Matheson the sum of \$1,500 not to come out again, but it is of no use, for he left England in the *Exhilar* on December 10th to fulfil his agreement. Mr. Watson, his colleague, has to leave here on March 1st, and one of the oldest drivers, Lawson, who is favourably known to every European here, has received notice that the Governor will

Mr. Frederick's d. Bovril, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Boyd 1
Mr. Bruce's gr. Courage, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Orlbar 2
Mr. Dryadust's gr. Cobweb, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Green 3

For this event Bovril was, of course, regarded as a "favorite," and such he proved. Getting well away, Cobweb and Courage tried the pace with the favorite, but could not be served and Bovril romped along in what was to him little more than an exercise gallop, and won as he liked. Courage and Cobweb both passed the post, but it was simply for positions. Time: 4 mins. 8 secs.

CHASSEZ CUP; presented; value \$100; for all China ponies; winner of Consular Cup 5 lbs. extra; weights as per scale; entrance \$5. Three-quarters of a mile.

Mr. Boyd's ro. Dunoon, 11st. 6lb. Mr. Boyd 1
Mr. John Gilpin's, br. Serenade, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Orlbar 2
Mr. Bruce's br. Cheng Li Ma, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Green 3

Mr. John Gilpin's, bay Malabar, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Orlbar 2
Mr. John Gilpin's, bay Malabar, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Orlbar 2

The field gave a lot of trouble to an exceptionally careful and painstaking rider, but as soon as the flag was hoisted, the race was over, and the rider who was in front, closely followed by Dunoon, whom Mr. Boyd was riding for all he was worth. The leader was collared just before reaching home and the plucky roan was declared the winner of a terrific contest. Time: 1 min. 42 secs.

AMORY DERBY; A Sweepstakes of \$10 each with \$25 added for second pony; a forced entry for all griffins entered this meeting; weights as per scale. One-mile-and-a-quarter.

Mr. Captain Jack's wh. Parade, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Firth 1
Mr. Boyd's gr. Dunrobin, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Boyd 2
Mr. Bruce's gr. Cannon Boy, 11st. 6lb. Mr. Orlbar 3

Only three candidates turned out for what does not seem to be considered the Blue Ribbon of the Amory turf. Parade (a very handsome pony which, we believe, was bought especially to win this race by his sporting owner) had the heat in the market of favor, but the by is the only matter of note on the local course, Dunrobin coming next, and Cannon Boy had a few friends, but more by virtue of the popularity of the colors he was carrying than by his racing merits. The latter had a bit of the heat of the start but did not seem satisfied somehow, and elected to steer his own course by running off, leaving Parade and Dunrobin to settle the matter between them. Parade eventually won a hard ridden race by half a length. Time: 2 min. 57 secs.

THE MAACHIN Plate, (presented); value \$100; for all China ponies; weights as per scale; griffins at date of entry allowed 5 lbs.; winner of Footchow Cup 5 lbs. extra; entrance \$5. One mile and a half.

Mr. Frederick's d. Bovril, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Firth 1
Mr. Boyd's d. Dunrobin, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Boyd 2
Mr. John Gilpin's, gr. Wild Mint, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Orlbar 3

Mr. Dryadust's gr. Nero, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Green 3
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COAST CUP; (presented); value \$100; for Amoy Subscriptions; griffins of this season; weights as per scale; winner of Trial Stakes or of Amoy Derby 7 lbs. extra, if of both to lbs. extra; entrance \$5. One mile.

Mr. Barney's gr. Lamorna, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Orlbar 1
Mr. Dryadust's gr. Gold Seeker, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Green 2
Mr. Bruce's d. Chips, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Wilson 3

Mr. Gues's d. Quikstep, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Firth 1
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Mr. Dryadust's gr. Gold Seeker, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Green 3

Mr. Tri's gr. Pioneer, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Wilson 3
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VICTORS CUP; presented; value \$100; for all China ponies; winner of Te Maachin Plate or Footchow Cup 7 lbs. extra, if of both to lbs. extra; weights as per scale; entrance \$5. Two miles.

Mr. Barney's gr. Lamorna, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Orlbar 1
Mr. Bruce's gr. Blue Rind, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Wilson 2
Mr. Dryadust's ch. Fantan, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Green 3

For this event Lamorna was too stiff and Blue Rind was right off. The favorite got away first and, hugging the rails, won in a canter despite the grand efforts of the ancient but still gallant Blue Rind. Fantan was tailed off. Time 4 min. 54 secs.

HAWKMAN CUP; presented; value \$100; for all ponies first raced as Griffins at Amoy; weights as per scale; entrance \$5. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Gues's d. Quikstep, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Green 1
Captain Jack's wh. Parade, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Firth 2
Mr. Bruce's d. Chips, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Orlbar 3

Only three ponies entered for this event although a much larger field might have been expected with some confidence. Parade was the most fancied, but Quikstep upset the "apparent" Cannon Boy held the lead for a time but before the half-mile post had been passed Parade was leading. A good race ensued, which resulted in a narrow win for Quikstep. Time 3 mins of secs.

EXCHANGE PLATE; presented; value \$100; for all China ponies; winners 5 lbs. extra for each race won; weights as per scale; entrance \$5. Three-quarters of a mile.

Mr. Dryadust's gr. Nero, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Green 1
Mr. John Gilpin's, gr. Wild Mint, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Orlbar 2
Mr. Boyd's gr. Dunrobin, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Boyd 3

A good race, Nero had the best of the start and, well ridden by Mr. Green, just managed to beat Mint by half a length. Dunrobin a bad third. Time 1:40.

BOND CUP; presented, value \$100; for bond griffins at date of entry. Subscription griffins allowed 5 lbs.; winners 5 lbs. extra for each race won; previous non-starters 7 lbs. extra; weights as per scale; entrance \$5. One mile.

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Mr. Boyd's gr. Dunrobin, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Boyd 2
Mr. Dryadust's gr. Gold Seeker, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Green 3

Mr. Bruce's gr. Courage, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Wilson 1
Mr. Ary's wh. Snowdrift, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Jenkins 2
Dunrobin was the favorite for this event, and Quikstep was also fancied. After several false starts Quikstep was the first to forge ahead, while Gold Seeker was left away behind. The leader maintained his original advantage although Dunrobin made an exceedingly exciting race of it and was only stalled off by a narrow neck with Gold Seeker a fair third. Time 2 min 21 secs.

AMORY STAKES; A forced entry of \$10 each for all ponies entered at this meeting; first pony to receive 70 per cent; second pony to receive 20 per cent; third pony to receive 10 per cent; weights as per scale. One mile and a quarter.

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